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Dear Mark,

I am transmitting a letter to you from Rob Schumann. I am on the Board of Advisors for Cinea, and Rob is en route to Korea and he asked if I could fax this letter to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Rob can be reached at his e-mail rob.schumann@cinea.com.

Regards,

Dick Sowa

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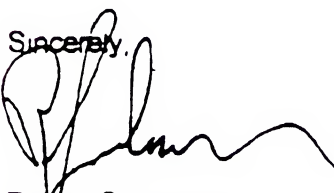
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Once the first step had been completed several of the participants in the discussion groups, including Mr. Fawcus, focused their attention on the breaking of the content keys themselves. This second stage was just beginning in earnest for this group in August and my review has not yet proceeded sufficiently to fully characterize this effort, although Mr. Fawcus appears to have been heavily involved.

To summarize, Mr. Fawcus, as he is known in the postings, was an active participant in the work on implementing DVD on Linux. During the period of postings examined, Mr. Fawcus was involved in the writing, releasing, and testing of various parts of DVD playback, including the code which allowed for the partial access to CSS protected content. Based on the materials available, it appears that Mr. Fawcus had no direct access to CSS or DVD specifications in this effort, although in a July 31st posting he mentions that he got a "major hint" from somebody on how to decode the VOB files (the second step).

Sincerely,


Robert Schumann
President and CEO